

Senate Resolution 638

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rainbows, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rainbows, Inc., is an international, nonprofit organization that fosters emotional
3 healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis, allowing countless children
4 to discover "rainbows after the storm" of family disaster; and

5 WHEREAS, Rainbows has grown immensely since it was inaugurated in three Chicago area
6 schools in April 1983, and the organization now implements programs in 49 states of the
7 United States and in locations throughout the world, including Australia, Austria, Canada,
8 England, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Saipan,
9 Scotland, Singapore, Switzerland, and Wales; and

10 WHEREAS, Rainbows offers training and curricula to establish peer support groups in
11 schools, faith communities, hospitals, and social service agencies at no cost to participants
12 or their families; and

13 WHEREAS, Rainbows' peer support system has facilitated cooperation between schools,
14 faith communities, agencies, and hospitals to support families who have experienced a
15 life-altering loss and provide grieving children with an opportunity to deal with and resolve
16 their feelings in an accepting environment; and

17 WHEREAS, Hannah Barfield, the reigning Miss South Georgia 2007, participated in the
18 Rainbows program after her father died, and she has been a fantastic advocate of the program
19 since the ninth grade, maintaining that Rainbows was instrumental in helping her deal with
20 the loss of her father; and

21 WHEREAS, with extraordinary compassion and resourcefulness, Rainbows continues to
22 touch countless hearts and lives throughout Georgia, the United States, and the world.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the amazing humanitarian efforts of Rainbows and express their profound
3 appreciation for its outstanding service to children and families in this state and throughout
4 the world.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Rainbows, Inc., Georgia State
7 Chapter Office.